

# C-RED 2

## Very High Speed, Ultra Low Dark, SWIR Camera

### Key Specifications

- ✓ 640 x 512 InGaAs sensor
- ✓ SWIR 0.9 - 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$
- ✓ 15  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel pitch
- ✓ 70% QE, wavelength from 0.9 to 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$
- ✓ Up to 600 fps full frame
- ✓ <30 e- read noise
- ✓ 93 dB & true 16 bits High Dynamic Range

### Key Applications

- ✓ Astronomy & Adaptive Optics
- ✓ Fluorescence Microscopy
- ✓ Wavefront sensing
- ✓ Low visibility imaging
- ✓ Hyperspectral imaging
- ✓ Semiconductor inspection
- ✓ Quality / Production control



## Introducing C-RED 2



C-RED 2 is a revolutionary ultra high speed low noise Short Wave Infrared camera designed for demanding applications. C-RED 2 integrates a 640 x 512 InGaAs PIN Photodiode detector with 15  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel pitch for high resolution, which embeds an electronic shutter with integration pulses shorter than 5  $\mu\text{s}$ .

Thanks to its state-of-the-art electronics, software, and innovative mechanics, C-RED 2 is able to run at 600 fps in full frame mode with a very low readout noise under 30 electrons at full speed, and a very low dark current of less than 600 electrons per pixel per second, enabling the detection of very weak signals.

C-RED 2 is versatile and enables high quality sensing at both long exposure times (up to 60 seconds) at extremely fast frame rates, and short integration time, with multiple smart parameters tuning possibilities, and hardware optimization to adjust to your specific use case. The high sensitivity of C-RED 2 enables low integration times, and the fast frame rate allows for very high temporal resolution.

C-RED 2 is also capable of windowing and multiple non-destructive readouts, allowing faster image rate while maintaining a very low noise. With an excellent linearity, the camera is reliable for demanding research applications. C-RED 2 also offers a high dynamic range mode with 93dB and true 16 bits.

C-RED 2 is a versatile model which includes thermoelectric, air and water cooling. This design enables precise stabilization of the sensor temperature and cooling down to  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The camera also has a C-Mount for the objective and can be easily integrated into any system thanks to multiple fixation holes.

Designed for high-end low light SWIR applications, C-RED 2 can operate in any environment or complex situation and offers new opportunities for science, research and industry.

## Astronomy

Visible cameras have been used for a very long time in astronomy, and now, Short Wave Infrared (SWIR) cameras are opening the path to new observations and discoveries. Unlike light at visible wavelengths, infrared light is not blocked by interstellar dust.

Astronomers use SWIR cameras to study the J-band (1.1 – 1.4  $\mu\text{m}$ ), H-band (1.5 – 1.8  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and K-band (2.0 – 2.4  $\mu\text{m}$ ). One of the major applications of First Light Imaging's cameras in astronomy is adaptive optics: the active correction loop used to reduce the atmospheric disturbances that cause spatial and temporal distortions.



*Astronomy imaging in the SWIR range. Image of Saturn at 50ms exposure with C-RED 2 / Courtesy of JL Gach, First Light Imaging.*



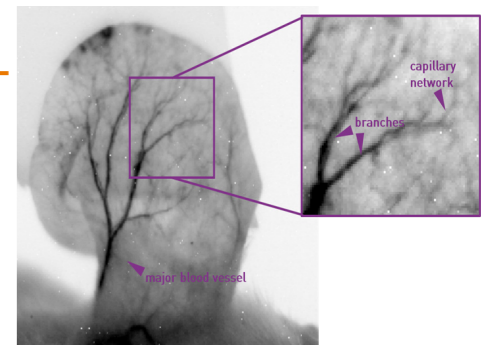
*Night vision in the SWIR range. Imaging of a boat in a swimming pool, by a moonless night. Camera used: C-RED 2 with SWIR lens 16 mm, cooled down to  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . High gain.*

## Surveillance and Safety

One of the principle advantages of using SWIR technology for Safety or Surveillance applications, is the ability of SWIR cameras to "see through" smoke, haze, mist, fog and other challenging atmospheric conditions. A significant improvement of contrast compared to visible range images can be observed. Furthermore, our SWIR cameras offer high sensitivity in low light environment, allowing night vision, for example.

## Life Science Research

Short Wave Infrared (SWIR) imaging is often referred to as NIR-II imaging in the life science community. Thanks to low scattering and low tissue autofluorescence in this range, NIR-II imaging allows deep, non-invasive, high-resolution detection of *in vivo* or *ex vivo* tissues. With the recent and growing development of contrast agent and dyes that emit at higher wavelength, more and more applications can be targeted.



*Fluorescence *in vivo* imaging of external ear vasculature in the NIR-II range with C-RED 2. Inverted contrast.*

# Technical Specifications

## Specifications<sup>•1</sup>

Sensor Specifications		C-RED-2
Sensor size		640 x 512 pixels
Pixel pitch		15 µm
Maximum speed Full Frame		600 fps
Readout Noise at high gain, Tint at 50 µs, 600 fps Full Frame		< 30 e-
Dark Current @ - 40°C		< 600 e/p/s
Quantization		14 bit
Flat Quantum Efficiency 1.0 to 1.65 µm		> 70%
Operability due to signal response (pixels with signal ± 0.3* median at 20°C)		> 99.8%
Image Full well capacity	low gain	1400 ke-
	med gain	128 ke-
	high gain	33 ke-
Maximum speed in 32 x 4 (min)		32066 fps
Maximum speed in 320 x 256		1779 fps

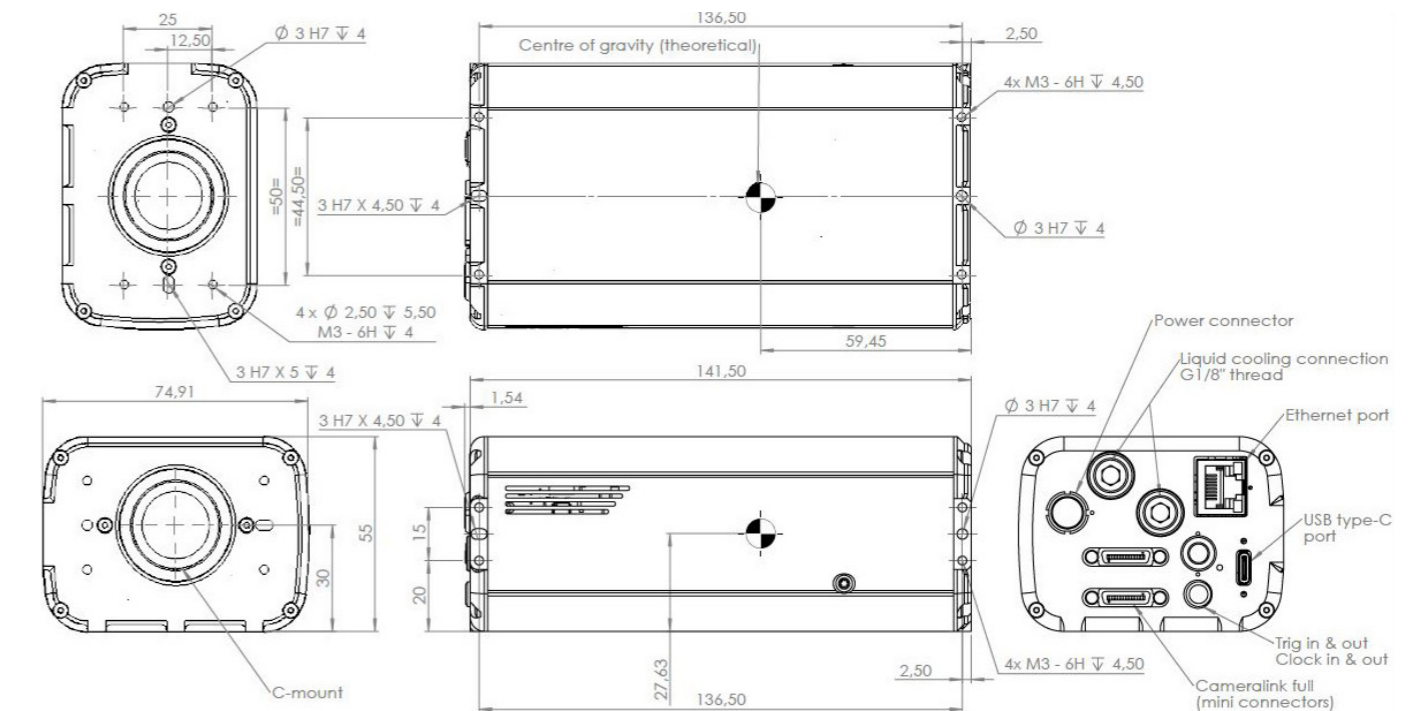
Additional Features	C-RED-2
Output	USB 3.1 Gen 1 and CameraLink® full
Optical interface	C-Mount
Operating temperature	-5° to 35° C (with regards to dew point)
HDR mode	93 dB and 16 bits
On camera image optimisations	Embedded image corrections
Triggering	LVTTTL/LVDS synchronization
Software	Graphical User Interface: First Light Vision Software Development Kit: (C, C++, C#, Python, MatLab) / LabVIEW / µManager

Lines	Frame rate at 600 fps readout speed CameraLink® Output						
	Columns						
	32	64	128	256	512	640	
4	32066	31512	30458	28548	25367	24029	
8	28108	27348	25945	23532	19840	18397	
16	22542	21631	20015	17413	13819	12526	
32	16147	15254	13736	11455	8599	7646	
64	10302	9596	8440	6801	4898	4297	
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512	1697	1549	1319	1016	697	602	

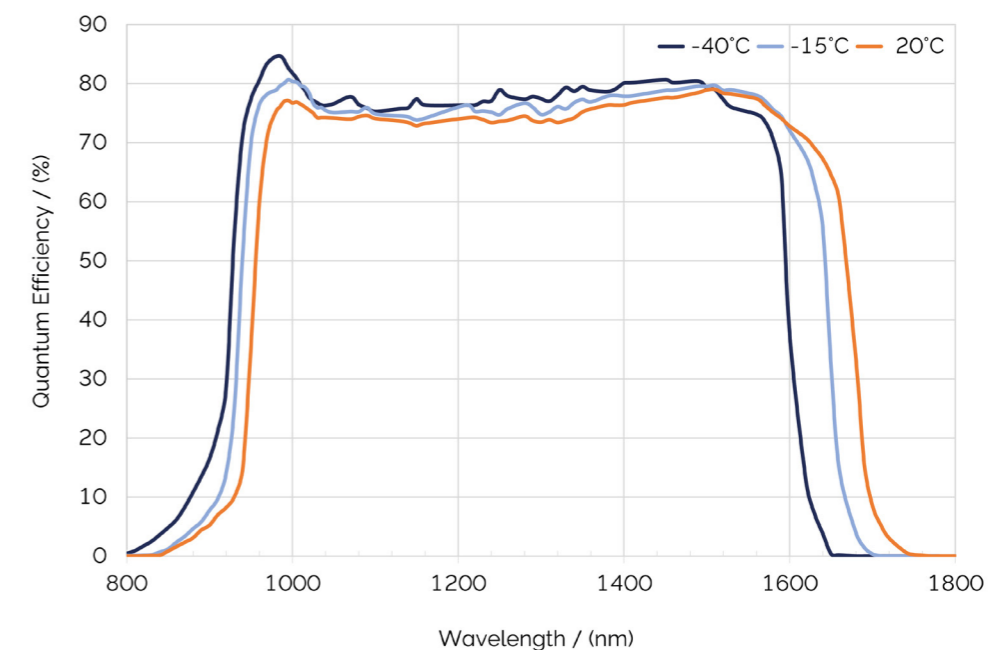
For USB 3 Output: Max 9999 FPS

# Product Drawings

Dimensions in mm (inches)  
Weight: 900 g




## Quantum Efficiency (QE) Curve




# Creating The Optimum Product for You

**Step 1. Select the camera type**

Camera Type	Description	Code
	C-RED 2: 640 x 512 InGaAs camera, 600 fps, <30 e-	PAC-CR2-SSC

**Step 2. Select the required accessories**

Description	Order Code
Cooling pack	PAC-COO-200-000
Mounting plate (C-RED 2 and C-RED 2 ER only)	ACC-MOU-CR2-000
Quick coupling set	ACC-QCS-CAM-001
Synchro cables 1 m	ACC-CAB-SYN-000
Synchro cables 3 m	ACC-CAB-SYN-001
Camera Link® cables 5 m	ACC-CAB-CLF-000
Camera Link® cables 10 m	ACC-CAB-CLF-001
Matrix Grabber CL RAD EV 1G CLSF	ACC-GRA-CLF-000

 Accessories

**Step 3. Software**

 Software

Your product is provided with the following software options:  
 Graphical User Interface: First Light Vision  
 Software Development Kit: (C, C++, C#, Python, MatLab) / LabVIEW / µManager

# Meet the Extended Cameras Family

**C-RED 2 Lite**

C-RED 2 Lite is the stabilized version of C-RED 2, able to run at 600 fps with 30 e- readout noise.



**C-RED 2 ER**

C-RED 2 ER 1.9 µm and 2.2 µm are high speed extended InGaAs cameras for eSWIR imaging.



- ✓ Free space optics
- ✓ Laser communications
- ✓ Quantitative spectral imaging
- ✓ Hyper/multispectral imaging
- ✓ Thermography
- ✓ Non destructive inspection
- ✓ Laser beam profiling

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**C-RED 3**

Specially designed for short exposure times applications, C-RED 3 is a very compact high speed VGA uncooled camera for short wave infrared (SWIR) imaging.



**C-RED One**

C-RED One is an unique photon counting SWIR camera based on an e-APD MCT sensor (320x256 pixels), running at 3500 frames per second, for high-end scientific applications:



- ✓ Free space optical communications
- ✓ Semiconductor inspection
- ✓ Quality/production control
- ✓ Adaptive optics
- ✓ Laser beam profiling
- ✓ Hyperspectral imaging
- ✓ Thermography

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### Items shipped with your camera:

- 1x Camera (model as ordered)
- 1x Power supply
- 1x Power supply cable
- 1x USB cable
- 1x Quick start guide

### Footnotes: Specifications are subject to change without notice

1. Average values observed.

### Minimum Computer Requirements:

RAM: 8 GB minimum  
Processor: Intel® Core™ i5 or higher  
Screen resolution: at least 1920 x 1080  
See [system requirements](#) for more information.

### Operating and Storage Conditions

- Operating Temperature: -5°C to 35°C
- Relative Humidity: < 80% (non-condensing)
- Storage Temperature: -40°C to 50°C

### Power Requirements

- 100 - 240 VAC 50 - 60 Hz
- Max. power consumption: 90 W